

## 2nd BRIGADE

Reception Station, train them in Army values, military customs, drill and ceremony, weapons and other basic skills necessary to become a soldier.

Early mornings and late nights assure the soldiers are fully trained, and 2nd Brigade drill sergeants are with the new soldier until he is a graduate.

Other brigade soldiers train other recruits on armor. Trainees are instructed on the skills to become an M1A1 Abrams armor crew member or the Bradley Fighting Vehicle.

## 3-399 Outreach

Members of this Hopkinsville, Ky.-based unit participated in that city's Veterans Day Parade in November 2000. Thirty soldiers from Headquarters, led by a color guard, marched in the parade, including drill sergeants.

Other participants included a ceremonial company from the 101st



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Maj. Keith Abner, of 3-399, works on packing his parachute gear during Skydive Chicago, an event that drew skydivers from around the world.

Airborne Division (Air Assault).

Delta Company of 3/399 — located in Burkesville, Ky. — participated in the Burkesville Riverfest in September 2000.

The unit supported the festival by

providing a color guard for opening ceremonies. The unit also supported Fourth of July, Veterans Day, Christmas and Memorial Day activities, and participated in the Albany (Ky.) Foothills Festival the of past two years.

## Soldiers

Maj. Keith Abner, of Nashville, Tenn., and the executive officer of 3-399, was the only Army Reservist to participate in the world record attempts for the largest freefall formation skydive at Skydive Chicago, held in August 2000, at Ottawa, Ill. About 300 experienced skydivers from around the world spent eight days trying to reach a world record 300-way formation.

Abner has been skydiving more than 10 years and has nearly 1,500 skydives. Exit altitudes ranged from 15,000 to 21,000 feet. The aircraft that carried the divers included a WW-II vintage DC3. . Freefall times ranged more than two minutes with speeds reaching 140 mph.



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A 2nd Brigade drill sergeant salutes and gives the command for eyes right as his platoon of soon-to-be basic training graduates pass the reviewing stand during a graduation ceremony in the summer of 2000.